





Capital Pride gets a little bit more colourful

FEST Ottawa's most colourful festival is taking it to another level for its 25th anniversary edition this year. Yesterday, Capital Pride announced that the theme for the Aug. 20-29 festival will be "25 Years of Colour."

"We thought it would be a great theme for this year to bring more colour into the city to celebrate our diversity," said committee chair Doug Saunders.

The festival website went online yesterday at www.capitalpride.ca. Festival highlights include the fourth annual Ottawa Out Golfing tournament, Taste of Pride, the Capital Pride pageant, a movie night, a boat cruise, a picnic, a flag raising and of course, the Capital Pride Parade.

The marshal for the parade this year is Glenn Crawford, the chair of The Village, a group working to promote a GLBT Village along Bank Street between Nepean and James streets.

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James found in Mexico

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Montreal Canadiens' Travis Moen (32) celebrates with Dominic Moore (42) after scoring a second-period goal against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 7 of the NHL hockey Eastern Conference semifinals in Pittsburgh last night. The Canadiens built a stunning four-goal lead before beating the Penguins 5-2. Sports, page 20.

PM rejects Ban's plea

Climate still won't be made priority topic at G20: Harper

Canada brushed aside a direct public demand yesterday by the visiting United Nations chief and reiterated that it will not make climate change a priority agenda item when it hosts the G20 summit next month.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper stuck to his G20 plan to keep the summit's focus squarely on the global economic recovery after he met UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in his Parliament Hill office

ment Hill office.

Ban said he wanted climate change front and centre on the agenda when Canada hosts the G20 sumit next month in Toronto.

Ban also exhorted the Conservatives to live up to the greenhouse-gas reduction targets Canada negotiated under the Kyoto Protocol.

"Canada has a special role and special responsibility to play. That is what I am going to emphasize here," Ban told about 500 diplomats, civil society leaders and academics in a packed hotel

Kyoto

• Harper has rejected the Kyoto Protocol, which was negotiated by the previous Liberal government and calls for a six per cent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020 based on 1990 levels.

• The Conservatives have pledged a 17 per cent reduction by 2020, based on 2005 levels, which is in line with U.S. targets.

ballroom before meeting Harper.

"I urge Canada to comply fully with the targets set out by the Kyoto Protocol. You can strengthen your mitigation target for the future"

An advisory panel has told Harper to play down climate change at the G20, essentially telling him it is too ambitious a topic to tackle now. The prime minister is hosting the G20 in Toronto as well as a G8 leaders' summit in Muskoka, Ont., north of the city.

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Dutch mourn 61 killed in Libya plane crash, surviving boy treated

TRIPOLI The Netherlands went into mourning yesterday, shocked at the deaths of at least 61 Dutch citizens flying back from spring break vacations in South Africa on a plane that plunged into the Libyan desert pear Tripoli

Libyan desert near Tripoli.
A young child, the sole survivor, was rushed to a hospital in the Libyan capital for immediate surgery for multiple fractures of

"We suppose he's Dutch because he said 'Holland, Holland' to the doctor treating him."

Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen

both legs, officials said.

Libyan officials and the Dutch tourism board said he was a 10-year-old Dutch boy, but the Foreign Ministry said it could not verify any details until its embassy official visited the hospital and spoke to the

child.
Foreign Minister
Maxime Verhagen said,
"We suppose he's Dutch
because he said 'Holland
Holland' to the doctor
treating him," and the doc-

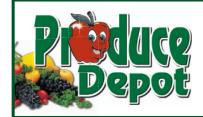
tor conveyed that information to the Dutch consul.

Dutch flags were lowered and campaigning for the June 9 parliamentary election was suspended in respect for the dead. Thursday is already a religious and national holiday, Ascension Day, when most banks, offices and stores are closed.

Hundreds of people phoned emergency numbers at the Foreign Ministry and the tourism board to ask about family, friends, or to find out whether anyone from their town was on the flight.

An unnamed doctor, speaking in Arabic in the video, said the child 'has several breaks in both legs and is under intensive care but is stable."

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Local



10K world record in racers' sights World-ranked racers will be returning to Ottawa Race Weekend in an attempt to set a

10K world record and win the \$100,000 prize. Racers like 2009 Boston Marathon winner and Ethiopia's Dereje Tadesse Raya will try to break the world record of 27:01 set by Micah Kogo of Kenya in March 2009.

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News in brief

ROBBERY Police are investigat-

ing after a man was robbed by

two men with a machete in the

area of Wiggins Private early

approximately 3:10 a.m., the

suspects. Police are seeking

in a collision after the pickup truck they were in collided first

victim was approached by the

COLLISION Two teens were hurt

with a tractor-trailer, then a utili-

ty pole on Carp and McGee side

roads yesterday afternoon. Two

teen males were taken to hospi-

tal. while a 17-year-old female

driver and another passenger

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yesterday morning. At

two black males.

were unhurt.

Astronaut's dreams came true

Canadian helps mark addition of 'space' to museum's name

TRACEY TONG

When Robert Thirsk was a young boy, he listened to a radio broadcast of an astronaut who had just launched into space from Florida.

"He was circling the Earth in a spaceship," Thirsk, now a Canadian astronaut, told hundreds of local students at the newly renamed Canada Aviation and Space Museum yester-day. "The teacher explained this man's name was John Glenn. He was the first American astronaut to orbit around the Earth.

"That was the first day of my life I had heard the word 'space' spoken and the first day I heard the word 'astronaut' spoken," Thirsk said. "And that was the day when I had a dream, and that dream was to someday, if I had the opportunity, become an astronaut and to fly in space."

Selected for the Canadian Astronaut Program in 1983, Thirsk served as crew commander for two missions. From May to December 2009, he became the first



Canadian astronaut Dr. Robert Thirsk, the first Canadian to participate in a long duration mission onboard the International Space Station, recounts his experiences yesterday on the six-month mission at the newly renamed Canada Aviation and Space Museum.

Canadian astronaut to fly a long duration expedition aboard the International Space Station, where he lived and worked for 188 days, conducting experi-ments on behalf of Canadian and international researchers.

Experiments included how the brain adapts to weightlessness, how fire burns, fluids flow and plants grow in space, and medical experiments, including how human hearts and perception change in space.

"I never stopped smiling the whole time I was up there," said Thirsk, who helped to mark the changing of the museum's name from the Canadian Aviation Museum in order to better showcase aviation and aerospace yesterday.

This initiative was propelled by a new partnership between the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation and the Canadian Space Agency.

Nearby park included in Lansdowne designs

COUNCIL There will be changes to Sylvia Holden Park when the plans are put forward by the five design teams for the public space at Lansdowne Park next Thursday.

However, the councillor representing the ward where the community park is located believes it should never have been included in the design competition in the first place.

"It's very difficult to imagine how you can combine a massive mall and hotel complex with a community park," said Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet.

Sylvia Holden Park borders the north edge of Lansdowne Park

According to Alta Vista Coun. Peter Hume, the wading pool and other assets in the park must be retained and remain under control of the city's parks department. Facilities can be relocated, but the new ones must be built before the old ones are removed.

Yesterday, Doucet put forward a motion to ensure Sylvia Holden Park would not be altered by any developments in Lansdowne Park, but that motion was delayed until May 26 so council can look at the proposals from the design firms in the competition.

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What's online today **Blogs** Backbeat backs up his theory that

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Dekker running in Somerset Ward, as Larter switches again

ELECTION A new challenger has entered the fray in Somerset Ward.

Robert Dekker, a manager with Bell Canada, chaired the Kids Help Phone Ottawa walks in 2007 and 2008 and the Kids Help Phone Ottawa chapter in 2009. Dekker is also a member of the city's roads and cycling advisory committee.

Also, Robert Larter has

moved his travelling campaign to Bay Ward, but for how long?

Larter ran for mayor in 2006. He was registered to run for mayor again this year, but has since switched

races to College Ward, then Kanata North, and he's now registered in Bay Ward. It costs \$100 to register to run for council but there is no fee for switching wards.

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Boy hit by car, injured

A 12-year-old boy has a fractured leg and possible head injury after he was struck by a vehicle on Beausoleil and York streets while riding his bicycle. METRO OTTAWA

Guy Show fun for all

TRACEY TONG tracey.tong@metronews.ca

The girls have their bridal shows, women's shows and craft and home shows.

Now it's payback time. But there's a good chance the wives and girlfriends that get dragged to the fourth annual Guv Show at Lansdowne Park this weekend might have just as much fun as the boys.

The organizers of the Guy Show have branched out this year. In addition to bringing back the monster truck, the ATVs, Spyders and a golf equipment sale, this year's show will also feature bikes by Harley-Davidson for the first time.

Other show features include a mechanical bull, a hovercraft and a 26-foot climbing wall, as well as an MMA ring that people can climb inside to get more personal with the most popular, fastest-growing televised sport in North America.

"It's an exciting thing for people to get up close and see," said Einar Murchison, managing partner of the Guy Show. "There's a whole pile of things people can test out."

The show, which has attracted more than 15,000 people each year in the past, may well get more than that this year as organizers have removed admission fees. And aside from a small charge for using the climbing wall, it's free to test out all the gear as well.

"Part of this is about putting on a pile of cool stuff that people normally wouldn't get to try out, and another part of it is the celebration of guyhood," said Murchison. "We don't need to have a pile of women running around in bikinis to feel good as guys.

That said, a specific part of the female anatomy will be a focus of the show at noon Saturday, when the Guy Show holds its Great Shave Off with all proceeds going towards the Canadian Breast Cancer Founda-

The show runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Parliament Hill Wheelchair race



Defence Minister Peter MacKay, left, is chased by Liberal MP Justin Trudeau in a motorized wheelchair during yesterday's relay race on Parliament Hill. Politicians used a wheelchair for the day in support of the Canadian Paraplegic Association's Spinal Cord Injury and CPA awareness month.

Hydro Ottawa pays \$17.6M dividend to city

HYDRO The lone shareholder in Hydro Ottawa Holdings Limited gratefully accepted its \$17.6-million dividend yesterday.

On behalf of that shareholder, the city of Ottawa, Mayor Larry O'Brien thanked Hydro Ottawa Holdings for its good work in delivering a higher-than-expected dividend during yesterday's city

council meeting.
The size of the dividend has no bearing on the amount homeowners pay for power, said Hydro Ottawa president and CEO Rosemarie Leclair.

City council has a policy that 60 per cent of the Hydro Ottawa's net income is paid out in a dividend.

"Whether those dollars are returned to the city or

veered off Highway 174 during

rush hour yesterday morning.

The incident occurred east of

Cumberland just after 7 a.m.

ROBBERY Police are seeking

Paramedics found a male in car-

diac arrest. He was pronounced

kept in the company, they would not change the formula by which the company makes its net income," said Leclair.

Energy rates are regulated by the Ontario Energy Board. Hydro Ottawa has to apply to the board every three to four years to make changes, Leclair said.

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News in brief

CHARGED Police have charged an Ottawa driver following an investigation into a police pursuit involving a 1997 Chrysler Cirrus on Highway 417 Tuesday. Kevin Joanisse, 19, faces more than a dozen charges including dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight from police officer and stunt driving.

CRASH A 57-vear-old Ottawa

man is dead after an SUV

two men following a robbery at a Montreal Road restaurant late Tuesday night. Two men entered a restaurant by the back door, one carrying a

dead at the scene.

handgun. The lone clerk exited by the front door. The suspects fled with an HP Pavilion laptop. CHILD PORN Police have charged a 50-year-old Ottawa

man with child pornographyrelated offences after searching an east-end home. Abdallah Ala-El-Dine, 50, is charged with two counts of possession and one count of make available child pornography.

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Slaughterhouse won't be charged over animal cruelty complaints

Police say no criminal charges will be laid over animal cruelty complaints at a southern Alberta slaughterhouse. Animal welfare activists came forward with a video last month that they said showed horses being shot and left to suffer at a Bouvry Exports slaughterhouse in Fort Macleod. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Now, welfare debit cards?

Manitoba's government is considering special debit cards for welfare recipients that would avoid the stigma, fees and hurdles that can come with cashing monthly cheques. The cards would access an account where money is deposited. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pardoned sex predator turns up in Mexico

Pardoned sex predator Graham James has been tracked down in Mexico.

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Reports say the former junior hockey coach has been located in Guadalajara, where he's said to be working and living in a gated community.

"I'm impressed that you found me," said James, 58, when confronted on a city

He also reportedly said: "I have a lawyer already in Winnipeg, so it's not like I'm running away."

In 1997, James pleaded

"I'm impressed that you found me."

Graham James

guilty to sexual assault charges stemming from allegations levelled by two of his former teen players.

Iames, who was sentenced to three and a half years in prison, was pardoned three years ago, but the pardon wasn't made public until last month.

The news touched off a firestorm of controversy, culminating in Ottawa's promise Tuesday to revamp the system and make it more difficult for repeat and violent offend-

ers to get pardons. On Tuesday, the federal Conservative government responded to the revelations about the pardon with a pledge to replace them with harder-to-get "record suspensions," and to make it impossible for anyone convicted of sex crimes against children to even apply for one.

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Ottawa Special tulips make the laughter bloom



Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean laughs with Princess Margriet of the Netherlands after Jean was presented with a bouguet of "Michaëlle Jean" tulips at a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa yesterday.

News in brief

RCMP Nineteen per cent of RCMP officers who took part in an internal survey say they've been harassed on the job by a superior, supervisor or cowork-THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lululemon clinches a big deal downunder

RETAILING Athletics giant Lululemon Athletica Inc. says it has become majority owner in an Australian yoga retailer.

Vancouver-based Lulule-

mon says it has increased its equity interest in its Australian joint venture partner, New Harbour Yoga Pty Ltd., from 13 per cent to 80.3 per cent.

Lululemon was founded in 1998 in Vancouver and operates more than 100 stores in Canada, the U.S. and Hong Kong.

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Guergis finally gets a break

P.I. says he has no dirt on MP

SCANDAL The private eye at the centre of the Guergis-Jaffer scandal says he has no knowledge of any misbehaviour by turfed cabi-net minister Helena Guer-

But Derek Snowdy is raising questions about her husband, former Tory MP Rahim Jaffer.

And he's pulling the president of the Liberal party of Canada into the

He has told a Commons committee that a client met Jaffer and business associate Nazim Gillani and was told they could arrange "special considerations" with the government.

Snowdy dragged in Liberal president Alf Apps, saying he acted on behalf of Gillani in a fraud case.

Apps's law firm, Fasken Martineau, says it accepted a retainer from Gillani in 2006, but ended the relationship shortly after. Apps himself



Private investigator Derek Snowdy yesterday.

said his relationship with Gillani was short.

"Didn't know him before; haven't had anything to do with him since."

There have been rumours of compromising photographs, but Snowdy says he never saw any such pictures involving either Guergis or Jaffer.

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Dozens of protesters gathered yesterday at a Toronto-area shelter run by the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to voice anger over the decision to euthanize about 350 animals infected by ringworm. They said euthanizing is excessive, as the disease is treatable. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Advocates push for breastfeeding policy

Groups worried about baby formula marketing

New mothers in Ontario are inundated with baby formula by companies, which makes it even more difficult to convince women to continue to breastfeed their babies, advocacy groups said yesterday.

The Ontario Breastfeeding Committee, the Registered Nurses' Association, midwives and pediatricians want the Ontario government to develop a breastfeeding strategy for use in all hospitals.

They also want the province to stop companies from direct marketing formula to new moms as soon as they leave the hospital

as they leave the hospital. The Newman Breastfeeding Clinic, which has sites in Toronto and Aliston, Ont., sees thousands of new moms each year and is amazed at how many end up getting free formula sent to them, even when they haven't signed up for such products, said Edith Kernerman.

"We really wonder how they get those names," said Kernerman, who is also president of the Lactation Consultants Associa"Our health-care system is not there to support the (mothers), but the formula companies are ready to push their products on new moms."

France Gelinas, Ontario NDP MPP

tion of Ontario.

"They say, 'I didn't sign up for anything, I don't know how I got it."

New Democrat France Gelinas also wants to know how companies that make baby formula manage to get the names and addresses of new moms, and said the direct marketing to them should be stopped.

"Our health-care system is not there to support the (mothers), but the formula companies are ready to push their products on new moms," said Gelinas.

"In the absence of regulations, new moms are being targeted by companies who are inundating them with these products."

Neither Health Minister Deb Matthews nor Health Promotion Minister Margarett Best could say how the companies manage to get the names of new moms. Best rejected the idea of a ban on direct marketing of formula to new mothers.

"I think people have the right to make decisions on their own, but I think it's important that they be able to make informed decisions," said Best.

Matthews's staff later said a provincial law prevents hospitals from disclosing information about patients, including new mothers, unless the patient gives written consent.

The advocates admit formula can look like an easy alternative to moms who are struggling to breastfeed, but said there's a lot of evidence to show it is clearly not as good for the newborn baby as mother's

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Alberta A whole pile of problems



Canadian Pacific Railway employees examine a freight train wreck near Carstairs, Alta., yesterday. No one was injured and no hazardous cargo was spilled, but the line will be shut down for the next few days while the wreckage is cleaned up.

Family's death prompts testing

TRAGEDY A deadly landslide in Quebec has prompted government experts to conduct emergency soil tests to ensure a similar tragedy doesn't happen in the region again.

Four people were killed in the village of St-Jude, about 75 kilometres east of Montreal, when a huge chunk of land suddenly gave way Monday night, sweeping their family home along with it.

Given a landslide that left a crater as big as several football fields, authorities are now concerned about the safety of other homes and businesses in the area. **Back home**

Around two dozen people who were forced to flee following the landslide were allowed to return home yesterday morning, but many residents are still worried about the stability of their property.

Quebec's civil security service has asked a team of experts to start testing properties by tomorrow.

"(We want) to evaluate the imminence of soil erosion in other risk areas in the region, beginning here in St-Jude," said Michel C. Dore, the department's associate deputy minister in charge of emergency co-ordination.

Among the areas of greatest concern is the riverbank below the house that was swept from its foundations.

"We want to conduct tests all along the Salvail River to make sure there are no other sites that could collapse," said Mayor Yves de Bellefeuille. "The citizens are concerned but we know throughout the valley there are landslides," said de Bellefeuille. "But landslides of this size fortunately don't happen often."

THE CANADIAN PRES

Hydro-Quebec doesn't need to negotiate deal,

board rules

POWER Hydro-Quebec doesn't have to channel electricity from a future hydroelectric complex in Labrador, according to a ruling by Quebec's energy

board, which concluded Hydro-Quebec "was entitled to refuse to negotiate" with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

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News in brief

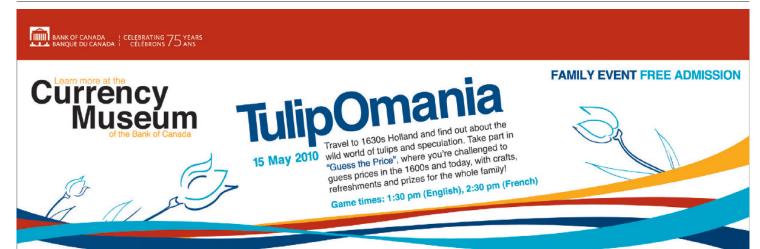
ANTHEM Only 67 per cent of Canadian high school students know the words to O Canada — and even fewer can hum along, suggests a survey done by the University of Victoria. The survey found more than 30 per cent of teens do not know the lyrics to the anthem, while only 46 per cent could sing it with fewer than two melodic errors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Are prison costs worth it?

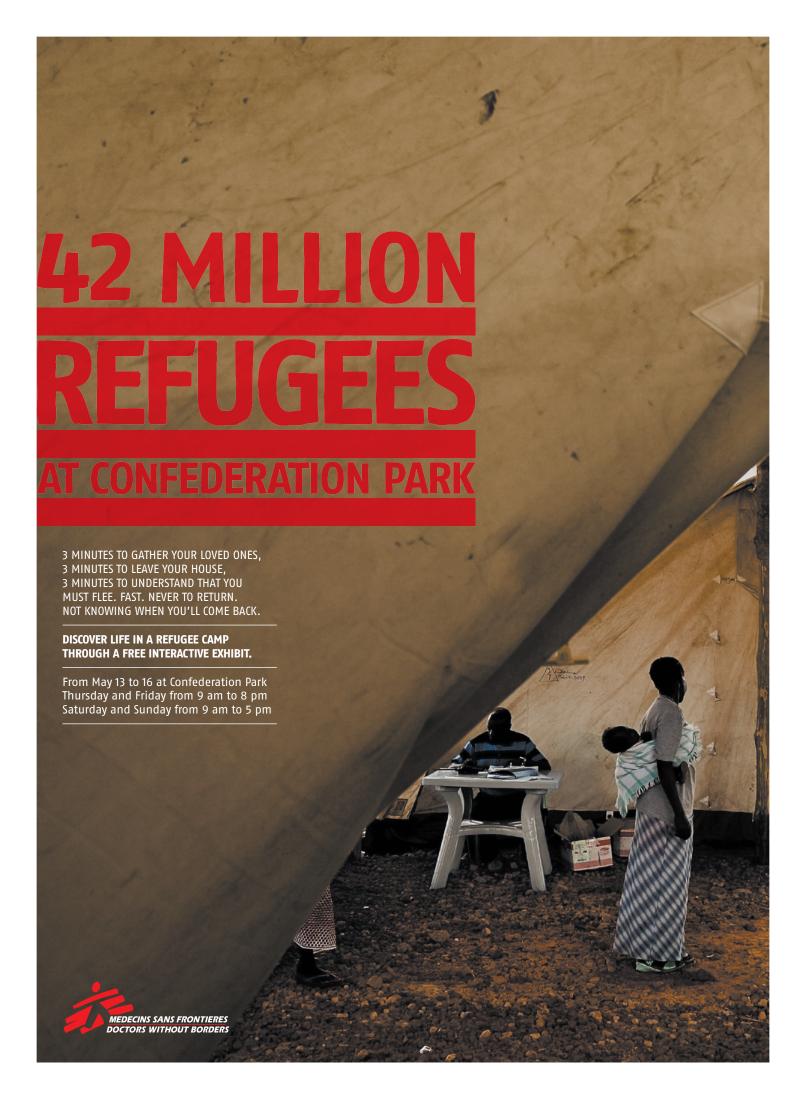
JUSTICE Canada's prison ombudsman says MPs need to ask harder questions about whether the country will get its money's worth from expensive changes to the criminal justice system. Federal politicians are agreeing to spend billions of dollars on prisons over the next few years, says Howard

Sapers, the Correctional Investigator of Canada.

"What is it that we want out of our criminal justice system? We want safety in our communities. So, is building prisons the best return on investment? These are legitimate questions that have to be asked." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Constitutional challenge doesn't hold water

A judge has ruled against two young Calgarians who launched a constitutional challenge to a local bylaw that says people must wear life-jackets while on city waterways. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Striking miners, police find 'peaceful solution' | Full disclosure

STRIKE Tensions have eased near two Vale Inco sites in Sudbury, Ont.

A showdown between protesters and police was expected yesterday morning, but deputy police chief Al Lekun says a peaceful solution was reached and blockades were removed.

Striking United Steelworkers members and their

Premier weighs in

Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday he would prefer if Vale Inco didn't hire replacement workers in Sudbury. This prompted a suggestion from NDP MPP France Gelinas that the provincial government should outlaw the hiring of replacement workers during strikes and lockouts.

supporters had been blocking the entrances to two mine sites since last Friday, after the collapse of talks. A judge ruled Tuesday the blockades had to be removed, but the strikers refused to leave and instead increased the number of people on the lines.

More than 3,000 Steelworkers in Sudbury and Port Colborne, Ont., have been on strike since last July 13 in a dispute over pensions, the nickel price bonus and transfer rights.

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Full disclosure for hospitals?

Ontario hospitals may soon be required to provide information about how they're run to the public.

Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday he's taking a "good look" at including hospitals in the province's freedom of information laws.

McGuinty said there might be some real value in making the move to ensure that precious health-care dollars are well spent, "so that is something that we will seriously consider."

John Hinds of the Canadian Newspaper Association also supports the move.

"There's a demonstrated need to shine the light of public scrutiny into the dark corners of some of our institutions," he said.

Hinds said while journalists certainly want hospitals subject to freedom of information laws, the issue should also matter to the general public.

"Hospitals are very important to individual Ontarians — they want to



Premier Dalton McGuinty

know what's going on in their hospitals (and) what's going on in health — and I think transparency and accountability leads to better quality of care, more efficient care and more cost-effective care."

Last year's eHealth spending scandal came to light through freedom of information requests. In its wake, McGuinty ordered the laws to apply to other health agencies, but stopped short of extending it to hospitals.

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News in brief

RAID Police armed with a search warrant seized a cache of replica weapons and accessories from a home in Barrie, Ont. Tuesday's haul included 30 replica handguns and 15 long guns. A 36-year-old Barrie man faces several charges, including importing and trafficking a prohibited device, and smuggling. An investigation into the illegal importation of replica firearms led to the search.

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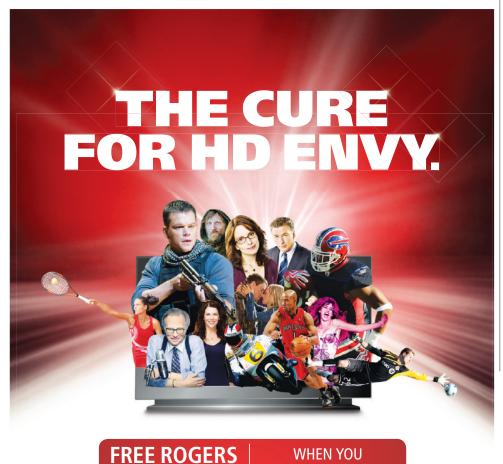


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Italian police say drug smugglers pretending to be pilgrims slipped cocaine into Italy in their luggage as part of a trafficking ring co-ordinated by a convent's doorman. Carabinieri police say the nuns at the convent didn't have a clue about the smuggling operation and were stunned when the doorman was arrested yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Giant fish found off Sweden

A maritime expert says a 3.65-metre Giant Oarfish — the world's largest bony fish — has been found in Swedish waters for the first time in 130 years. Also known as the "King of Herrings," the dead fish, left, was picked up by a THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. aiming to begin Afghan pullout in '11

will get worse before it gets better, U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday, but he said his plan to begin withdrawing U.S. forces from Afghanistan next summer remains on

"What I've tried to emphasize is the fact that there is going to be some hard fighting over the next several months," Obama said at a White House news conference with Afghan President Hamid Karzai. He spoke as the U.S.-led foreign army in Afghanistan gets ready for a push into the Taliban's birthplace in Kandahar Province. The campaign for Kandahar, which is to begin in earnest in June, is expected to be

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Afghans ready?

• U.S. President Barack Obama said he is confident he will be able to meet his goal of beginning to withdraw U.S. forces in July 2011, with Afghan security forces beginning to take over.

among the bloodiest of the nearly nine-year-old war.

"There is no denying the progress," Obama said. "Nor, however, can we deny the very serious chalstill lenges

Afghanistan."
Karzai's warm White
House welcome followed months of sniping and frustration over management of the war and fraud surrounding Karzai's re-elec-

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tion last year.
"There are moments when we speak frankly to each other, and that frankness will only contribute to the strength of the relationship," Karzai said with a

Obama acknowledged "setbacks" and tension in the U.S. relationship with Afghanistan, but both he and Karzai said worries about the future of the partnership have been exaggerated.

Obviously there are going to be tensions in such a complicated and difficult environment and in a situation in which on the ground both Afghans and Americans are making enormous sacrifices," Obama said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Police cordon off the kindergarten yesterday where an attack targeting children occurred in China's Shaanxi Province.

Another school attack in China

a cleaver hacked to death seven children and two adults at a kindergarten in northwest China yesterday, the latest in a string of savage assaults on the country's schools. Eleven other children were wounded.

'The killer, 48-year-old Wu Huanming, returned home after the attack on the outskirts of the city of

Hanzhong committed suicide, the local government reported. It was the seventh assault on young students in China since early March and occurred despite increased security at schools

countrywide.

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News in brief

NUCLEAR North Korea claimed yesterday that its scientists succeeded in creating a nuclear fusion reaction, but experts doubted the isolated communist country actually had made the breakthrough in the elusive clean-energy technology. North Korea's main newspaper, however, reported that its own scientists achieved the feat on the occasion of the "Day of the Sun" — a North Korean holiday marking the birthday of the country's late dynastic founder, Kim Il Sung, in April. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Judge says woman doesn't have to share lottery winnings

A judge says woman doesn't have to snare lottery winnings

A judge says an elderly Connecticut woman doesn't have to share her half

of a \$500,000 lottery windfall with the sister who sued her over it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawyer denies fraud in Dole sterility suit

A Texas lawyer testifying against Dole Foods denied that he was one of a group that allegedly conspired with a Nicaraguan judge to commit a massive fraud against the firm.

Charles Benton Musslewhite denounced the claims of a conspiracy with the judge to fix sperm tests for men claiming to have been sterilized by exposure to pesticides on Dole banana plantations.

Musslewhite, who was one of several lawyers who filed suits on behalf of the purported banana workers, vouched for the reputation of the Nicaraguan judge, Socorro Toruno, and testified Tuesday that he does

'Fraud army'

• Attorneys for Dole suggested in court Monday that the men who sued were part of a "fraud army" coached in their testimony by an American and Nicaraguan lawyer with a plan to extort billions from the gi-

not believe she directed a conspiracy to fix laboratory test results.

"To me, it's just a bunch of bunk," said Musslewhite, who flew in from Houston, he claimed, to defend his good name. He was called to the stand by appellate attorney Steve Condi, who has taken on the cause of six purported banana workers that won a jury award of

ant food company in multiple lawsuits. Dole lawyers presented evidence last year that many of the men who sued the California-based food giant, never worked on plantations and were not sterile.

\$2.3 million in a 2007 trial. In her ruling last summer, she found Dole was the victim of an "outrageous and profound" conspiracy to extort the company with false claims by purported plantation workers who said they had been rendered sterile by exposure to the pesticide DBCP in the 1970s

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Iraq Protest over mysterious death



A man wears tape over his mouth to protest the killing of 23-year-old journalist Sardasht Othman in Sulaimaniyah, 260 kilometres northeast of Baghdad yesterday. More than 1,000 people demonstrated, demanding justice in the death of Othman, whose body was found last week.

Arizona governor courts racial controversy again

PHOENIX Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed a bill targeting a school district's ethnic studies program, hours after a report by UN human rights experts condemned the measure.

State schools chief Tom Horne said Tuesday that a school district program promotes "ethnic chauvinism" and racial resentment toward whites while segregating students by race. The measure prohibits classes that advocate ethnic solidarity, that are designed primarily for students of a particular race or that promote resentment toward a certain ethnic group. The Tucson Unified School District program offers specialized courses in African-American, Mexican-American and Native-American studies that focus on history and literature and include information about the influence of a particular ethnic group.

Brewer's signature on the bill comes less than a month after she signed the nation's toughest crackdown on illegal immigration.

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Mexico voices concern over spill

OIL Mexican officials fear the Gulf oil spill could reach their coasts if the leak is not stopped by August, when seasonal currents start to reverse and flow south. So far prevailing currents have carried at least 4 million gallons of spilled oil from a damaged BP well toward the north and east, away from Mexico and toward U.S. shores. Mexico's government is particularly worried about the potential impact on coastal lagoons along Mexico's northern Gulf coast.

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Stop truancy groups, judge orders Facebook

A judge in the Argentine province of Mendoza has ordered Facebook to shut groups created by minors to organize mass truancy from school. The order by judge Alfredo Dantiacq Sanchez comes after more than 2,000 adolescents in schools across the province's capital skipped classes and met in a plaza April 30. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Plan heats up Alaska drill debate

RESOURCES The fight over oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge heated up over the possibility that a new management plan could put the refuge and its billions of barrels of crude off-limits for good.

At issue is the refuge's 1.5-million-acre coastal plain and whether an updated plan would designate the oil-rich area as wilderness.

The coastal plain — believed to contain an estimated 11 billion barrels of recoverable oil — has been a battleground for decades between environmentalists who don't want drilling and oil companies and Alaska officials that see a large, untapped resource that could ease the country's dependence on foreign oil.

Production at Prudhoe Bay, North America's largest oil field, is declining by about 10 per cent a year. The refuge's coastal plain, and its large pool of oil just to the east, is enticingly close. It's also onshore.

In the update of the 22year-old refuge management plan, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman has said the federal agency might recommend the coastal plain be designated as wilderness.

If that should happen, it would be off-limits to oil companies, perhaps permanently.

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Pennsylvania police wrongly charged hundreds of people with disorderly conduct for swearing, the American Civil Liberties Union said in a pair of free-speech lawsuits filed yesterday.

ACLU lawyers reviewed 770 disorderly conduct citations issued by Pennsylvania State Police in a recent one-year span. They said they found that while officers applied the law correctly in some cases, the majority involved profanities and other legal, nonobscene speech.

The lawsuits' plaintiffs are a pizza delivery driver briefly jailed for cursing at a local officer over a parking ticket and a woman cited by state police for hurling a derogatory name at a swerving motorcyclist.

Pennsylvania's disorderly conduct statute carries a possible 90-day jail term and \$300 US fine. The woman paid \$1,500 to fight the ticket, while the deliveryman lost \$560 in

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ACLU lawyer Marieke Tuthill

wages and had to pay a \$75 towing fee, the suits state.

"You absolutely cannot cite someone just for uttering a profanity," said ACLU lawyer Marieke Tuthill.

The problem is ultimately a lack of police training, most likely because officers misunderstand "the difference between the colloquial definition of obscenity and the legal definition of obscenity," she said.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court follows U.S. Supreme Court holdings on obscenity, which refers to speech that is more violent, graphic and sexual than the "seven dirty words" made famous by a comedian, Tuthill said. State police had not yet seen the lawsuit and had no immediate re-

sponse, said Lt. Myra Taylor, a spokeswoman.

Matthew Walters admits he was already having a bad day on Dec. 19, 2008, as he helped with deliveries at his friend's pizza shop in northeastern Pennsvlvania. His car had gotten stuck earlier in the snow piled by the curb, so he double-parked with his hazard lights blinking as he waited inside the store for his next order. After about 10 minutes, he looked out and saw Mahanoy City Officer Christo-pher Zubris writing him a ticket.

"Using words of his own choosing, including profanity, Mr. Walters expressed his dismay with his local law enforcement official." his suit states.

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Mission managers yesterday gave the go-ahead for the countdown to proceed toward Friday's planned launch of space shuttle Atlantis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Honey traps' still used to humiliate

Women hired by governments used to trap enemies

Recently Ilya Yashin, a prominent pro-democracy blogger, met an attractive woman named Katia. She seemed interested in Yashin — so interested, in fact, that she immediately wanted to have sex.

Unfortunately Yashin, Katja Ğerasimova works for the Russian government: her task is to videotape her sexual encounters with leading prodemocracy activists.

"I felt something was wrong about it," explains Yashin, who was later approached by a second beautiful woman who also wanted to have sex.

"It's one thing to have fun with girls. It's another thing when girls want you to do something that would ruin your reputation. Whenever the girls brought sex toys and drugs, they started behaving really oddly. They're not professional in acting and disguising, so it looked kind of suspicious."

Yashin gave in to Katja & Co.'s temptations, as have several other Russian dissidents, only to find videos of their dalliances on the Internet

Welcome to the world of honey traps, where gorgeous women trap enemies, foreign spies and dissidents on behalf of the government.

"Honey traps date back to ancient times," notes Phillip Knightley, the au-thor of The Second Oldest Profession: Spies and Spying in the Twentieth Century. "Intelligence agencies still use honey traps all the time, and not just heterosexual ones.

One of the goals of a honey trap is to humiliate the victim, essentially disarming him as an enemy. "The Russians use honey



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Philippe Vasset, Intelligenceonline.com

traps for this purpose most frequently," explains Philippe Vasset, editor of Intelligenceonline.com.

"Suddenly a video shows up on YouTube, showing a diplomat or dissident with a prostitute. It's a very effective way of getting rid of diplomats, which is what recently happened to a British envoy in Russia.'

China, another frequent user of honey traps, employs the technique to gain sensitive information.

"I'd be very careful with the women who provide services to businessmen visiting China," advises Knightley.

"Even female hotel employees work for intelligence agencies."

Last year, an agent with India's spy agency, RAW, found himself in such a James Bond-like situation, when he found out that his Chinese mistress was an undercover agent.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Agency proposes new rules on avoiding volcanic ash

FLIGHT The European air safety agency is proposing a new set of procedures that would significantly decrease airspace closures due to volcanic ash, a spokesman said yesterdav.

Daniel Hoeltgen said the new solution would adopt the U.S. practice of imposing a 190 kilometre no-fly buffer zone for all aircraft in the vicinity of any visible ash plume.

The change, which still has to be approved, would

be a significant departure from previous practices in

Last month, a large part of European airspace was closed when ash from the Icelandic volcano drifted over northern and western parts of the continent.

Many critics have criticized the move as an unnecessary overreaction.

It forced the cancellation of 100,000 flights, stranded hundreds of thousands of passengers, and caused direct losses of more than \$1.3 billion to the airlines.

"I can confirm that the agency has been discussing a new solution to the renewed threat of airspace closures due to the ash cloud,' volcanic Hoeltgen said.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, the European Commission. and airlines and other national authorities have been involved in the consultations, he said.

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Life can be a big gar

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lasting friendships



wrote a few weeks ago about how our handheld gadgets and online social networking are killing human interaction as we once knew

President Barack Obama got into the act this week with a convocation address in which he called out a few of the more popular digital toys for their potentially corrosive effect on the citizenry: "With iPods and iPads and Xboxes and PlayStations none of which I know how to work - information becomes a distraction, a diversion, a form of entertainment, rather than a tool of empowerment, rather than the means of

emancipation." On Obama's hit list of four electronic brain rotters, two are dedicated video game platforms, which is no surprise. Video games and their players get little re-

spect, and, in "People who meet popular mythology, no dates ei- sometimes develop

The Boy of and even romances Scouts America, in one of its atto here in the tempts keep up with sunlight." the times, has introduced a

merit badge for video gaming. In a sop to the stigma attached to the pastime, though, it includes among the requirements that the scout establish a balanced schedule for playing with time for homework and chores.

Imagine getting your woodworking badge in part for finding time to do anything but woodwork-

ing. As always, there's some truth to the stereotype of the socially withdrawn, perpetually celibate gamer. Video gaming is still a noticeably estrogen-poor en-

vironment, and online interactions can, as a result, be a little like Lord Of The Flies.

Earlier this vear. Game-Crush.com offered both a solution for and an exploitation of

this gender imbalance, offering male gamers the opportunity to pay to play video games with women, with attendant conversations ranging from "flirty" to "dirty." If it all seems a little tawdry and desperate, GameCrush's slogan, "Be a player," does little to

Meanwhile, gaming cul-ture seems on closer exam-

ination to be a little more complex than assumed. Researchers last month presented a study in which they interviewed male and female players of the online game World of Warcraft and found that relationships between them develop online much as they do in other contexts by progressive degrees of intimacy.

People who meet in the game sometimes develop lasting friendships and even romances that endure out here in the sunlight. Marriages are not unknown.

How different, really, are couples who hook up via Call of Duty or Second Life from those who make their connection through eHarmony or Lavalife?

Two people who meet while playing a game they both enjoy at least know they've got one thing in

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.



Worth mentioning

Hearing mom as good as a hug, study reveals

Levels of oxytocin — often

dubbed the "love hormone"

and strongly linked to emo-

increased within 15 minutes

following the task with the

effects continuing for as

long as an hour afterward.

tional bonding — also

Whether it's a tough exam, long day at the office or a pile of dirty laundry that's left you frazzled, new research suggests there may be a quick fix

that's as comforting as a hug to soothe your stress hearing from mom.

small study conducted by researchers from the University of Wis-consin-Madison involved a group of 61 girls between

the ages of seven and 12 and their mothers. The study is published in Proceedings B, the Royal Society's flagship biological research journal.

The girls were asked to take part in a series of public speaking and math performance tasks in front of an audience. The tasks involved thinking about how they wanted to complete a story that was started for them, anticipating being in

front of an audience where they would complete the story, and also completing a subtraction test. process took around 16

minutes.

The kids were then assigned three groups. The first two groups each had 15 minutes of contact with their mothers, either in person with physical contact, which could

include a hug or a kiss on the cheek, or

by receiving a phone call from moms in another location. The final group watched a neutral film and had no parental contact.

While levels of stress hormone cortisol increased in all three groups, kids who had direct, interpersonal contact with their moms or verbal contact on the phone were effective in lowering their cortisol levels after an THE CANADIAN PRESS

Views

Feminist relationships can't escape '50s



I have a love-hate relationship with my vacuum.

It's not because it, er, sucks. It's one of those futuristic contraptions that costs half a paycheque but works well enough to justify it. It's just that I'm the only one who uses it.

You see, I live with my boyfriend, and though we have an otherwise simpatico relationship, we often hit the housecleaning roadblock. He does the dishes and laundry, but that's about it. Between my love for cooking and his genetic

blindspot to toilet stains and dust bunnies, I've picked up the slack in the domestic department but that doesn't mean I enjoy it.

As a society, we've left behind the disgruntled housewife and male breadwinner roles of vore, but in practice I still struggle with what it means for a feminist gal and her partner.

Boyfriend Dearest wouldn't consider himself feminist, but he's got the basics down: He was dismayed to hear about recent funding cuts to Pride Toronto; he's pro-choice; he makes fun of sexist beer

commercials. We both understand that growing up with strict gender roles can make a person. Being aware of them is the first step in overcoming them, but it's proving much harder to shake off these ingrained ideas.

Feminist cohabitation, commitment and marriage are never perfect ideas. Even among couples who live together equitably before tying the knot, most married couples end up with a "traditional" division of household labour. On CBC radio this week, I heard that just 19 per cent of husbands and dads do the laundry.

Though Mother's Day is behind us, appreciate the mothers in your life — for being caregivers and for everything achieved since those white picket fence days. If there's one thing we could do for mothers dearest. 0111 maybe give her house a spring cleaning. Not just because it's a loving thing to do, but also a feminist one.

Today, March for Life protesters will voice their displeasure with Canada's abortion policies on Parliament Hill. I may not agree with them, but I support their right to protest; I also encourage those who disagree to show their views

With the public debate that's erupted over the G8 maternal health plan, and ongoing funding cuts to women's organizations, the conversation about women's rights ought to be full. Whether you value a woman's ownership of her body, value children, or value anything in between, make your voice

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.

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Canwest closing Winnipeg call centre

Canwest Publishing is closing its call centre in Winnipeg. The operations for the Reach Canada Call Centre will be moved in the fall to the Dominican Republic, said a Canwest spokesperson. As a result of the move, about 200 jobs in Winnipeg will be lost. Employees at the centre, were told Tuesday about the layoffs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Business









Canada scores well on tax rates

Mexico and far ahead of the U.S. on a list of taxfriendly countries for business, according to a new report.

In general, businesses in Mexico pay 40.1 per cent less tax than those in the U.S. Taxes in Canada are just over one-third, or 36.1 per cent, lower.

At the other end of the spectrum, corporate taxes are 81.4 per cent higher in France than in the U.S., according to the report released yesterday by accounting firm KP-MG.

Lower corporate tax

Honda Easy riders

Top 10 countries

- 1. Mexico
- 2. Canada
- 3. Netherlands 4. Australia
- 5. United Kingdom

rates can be a huge competitive advantage when companies decide where to set up shop, said Greg Wiebe, managing partner in KPMG tax practice in Toronto.

"Having a competitive corporate tax rate hopefully allows you to attract more business and invest-

Shinji Aoyama, centre, president of Honda Motorcycles and Scooters India, poses with other

Honda India executives on the newly launched Honda CB Unicorn Dazzler in New Delhi, India,

6. United States

7. Germany

8. Italy

9. Japan 10. France

ment," Wiebe said.

While Mexico remains in the number one spot with the lowest total taxes. changes to the tax systems in Australia, Canada and the Netherlands moved them higher in the ranking, conducted every two

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Lack of flights may be hurting trade

TRAVEL The president of Hawkes Bay Group, a Canadian company that sells textiles, chemicals and real estate and ships materials to the Middle East, wants to buy local.

But a shortage of direct flights between Toronto and Dubai has made it impractical to buy and ship some of his company's staple products in Canada, says Turhan Valliani. "We want to buy Canadi-

an; we are a Canadian company

Valliani's voice is part of a chorus backing the airline's efforts to expand service to daily flights from Toronto, as well adding a daily flight into Calgary and Vancouver.

The premiers of Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia have written let-

ters in support of some of those planes being used to expand to daily Toronto-Dubai service.

The concern is that poor air connections between Canada and the fast-growing economies of the Gulf and India are putting a crimp on trade.

Canada's trade with India, in particular, has stagnated and many point to a lack of air service as a key reason.

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EU calls for tighter budgets

ECONOMY European Union officials urged a crackdown on widespread government overspending, calling yesterday for much closer economic co-ordination between EU nations to curb the acute debt crisis

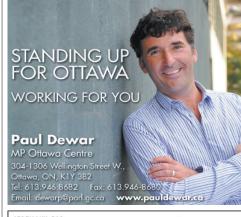
The plan by the EU's executive commission advocated unprecedented scrutiny of countries' spending plans even before they go to their national parliaments — and new financial penalties for rulebreakers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

that has threatened to sink their shared currency.

In **brief**

NATURAL GAS The president of a Nova Scotia-based exploration company says if a natural gas field in southeast New Brunswick proves commercially viable, it could result in hundreds of gas wells. Norm Miller of Corridor Resources says the concentration of gas trapped in the shale between Sussex and Elgin, N.B., is huge, but it won't be until at least the end of the year before they know if it is viable to extract it.

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Police officers stand outside a vacant store on Ermou Street, in Athens' busiest shopping district, yesterday. Greece's massive debt crisis and harsh austerity measures imposed by the Socialist gov-ernment have led to a rash of business closures in the centre of the Greek capital.

Lessons have been learned: Flaherty

Past not repeated with Europe's solution to Greek crisis

The quick action to stem panic over Europe's burgeoning debt crisis shows alobal governments have learned their lesson from the just past recession, says Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

Flaherty said he supported the decision by the European Union, with a contribution from the International Monetary Fund, to commit close to \$1 trillion as backstop to sovereign debt in Greece or other troubled nations in the group.

Speaking to reporters, Flaherty said yesterday that Greece's debt crisis has the potential to de-sta-bilize the international financial system, much as the collapse of Wall Street investment bank Lehman Brothers did in 2008. That triggered the worst global recession since the Second World War.

"I think we've learned a

 In a report vesterday. the CIBC said Canada's strong fiscal position will persuade investors to turn to Canadian bonds as a safe-haven investment away from European securities.

lesson, I hope we've learned lessons, particular-ly from recent history, that action is needed and sub-stantial action is needed and that's what happened on Sunday," he said.

Analysts point to a loss in confidence and a subsequent freeze in credit markets after the U.S. government decided to let Lehman fail in the fall of 2008 as major contributors to the 2008-09 recession.

Flaherty cautioned the European crisis is not over and will be a key topic of discussion at the upcom-ing G20 Summit in Toronto next month.

A major question mark is whether European countries like Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain, all with debt overhangs near or above the size of their entire economies, can muster the political and societal will to impose spending restraints required to reign in their deficits.

TD Bank economist Craig Alexander believes that it will require a combination of tax increases. reductions to entitlements such as pension plans, as well as taking on powerful public unions.

Even talk of austerity has triggered protests and even riots in Greece in the past few weeks.

"I think the fiscal austerity that's required could definitely contribute to political and social instabili-ty," he said, adding that's why it will "be extremely difficult to implement."

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Meet grocery's newest player

DISCOUNT A new player touting itself as "Fresher, Cheaper" joined the field of discount grocers in Canada yesterday, as Sobeys Inc. transformed eight locations into FreshCo stores.

The former Price Chopper stores are in Brampton and Mississauga, Ont., the vanguard of "dozens" that will be switched over in the next year and a half, Sobeys president and CEO Bill McEwan said prior to the grand opening. "This isn't just a conversion or a renovation this is the launch of a

new brand," he said, describing the bright white buildings that sport a big black FreshCo sign.

"The concept is a result of about 12 to 18 months of extensive research and looking at where do we go next, based on the changes in the consumer landscape, particularly in the GTA (Greater Toronto Area) but across Ontario overall."

The new stores offer ethnic foods tailored to the needs and choices of people in the neighbouring communities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In **brief**

FOOD BANKS Wal-Mart Stores Inc. plans to significantly ramp up its donations to America's food banks to \$2 billion US over the next five years, the retail giant said yesterday. The retail giant is more than doubling its rate of giving as the number of Americans receiving food stamps has risen to one in eight, and food banks are straining to meet demand. In 2009, the company spent \$21 million on hunger relief and donated 116.1 million pounds of food.

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Price hikes headed for shrimp, says High Liner

The chief executive of High Liner Foods says that higher prices are expected for shrimp over the next six to 12 months due to the massive oil spill in the Gulf.

Henry Demone of High Liner Foods Inc. said during a conference call yesterday that there's been an international shortage of fresh shrimp supply since the catastrophe. "Buyers are out on the

"Buyers are out on the market trying to replace that supply and that's led to higher shrimp prices," he said, while answering a question from research analyst Carolyn Dennis.

Demone said that the reduced supply of fresh shrimp from the Gulf is being replaced by farmed shrimp worldwide, and that has tightened overall supply.

ply.

He predicted that over time aquaculture operations will increase production and prices will stabilize.

While prices for raw materials may be on the rise, High Liner Foods still reported strong results in its first quarter.

Sales volumes increased three per cent from the same period a year earlier.

"It represents the first quarter of growth in this market since the economic downturn," said Demone. "We are hopeful that this is



A shrimp fishing boat returns to port in Port Fourchon, La., after the commercial fishing industry was shut down due to spreading oil from the BP Deepwater Horizon platform disaster in Louisiana. The state's \$2.4-billion-a-year commercial and recreational fishing industry was dealt its first major blow from the oil spill, as the U.S. qovernment banned activities due to health concerns.

signalling the recession is behind us and consumers will be frequenting restaurants again."

Net income was \$7.2 million or 39 cents per share in the quarter. A year earlier, net income was \$6.7 million or 36 cents per share before adjustments and \$7.3 million or 40 cents per share af

ter excluding one-time and non-operating items.

Demone didn't address whether the strong results would be set back by the higher prices of fish.

higher prices of fish.

However, he was clear that price hikes in the raw products were coming in shrimp, as well as in salmon.

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Pathway Genomics says Walgreen will sell test kits for disease predisposition, drug response

DRUGSTORE The largest U.S. drugstore chain, Walgreen Co., will start selling genetic testing kits at many of its stores later this month, according to Pathway Genomics, which makes the kits.

Pathway said Tuesday that Walgreen will sell saliva swab kits that are used to determine predisposition for chronic diseases, and response to common drugs like Plavix, Tamoxifen and Coumadin.

They can also be used to determine if a person carries a gene for diseases like Alzheimer's, cystic fibrosis, and Tay-Sachs disease.

 In Canada, there are a number of private labs that offer genetic testing and various genetic testing kits are available on-

Canada

The tests will be available at Walgreen stores starting in mid-May, it said.

The company said the testing kits will cost \$20 to \$30 each and will include a saliva collection kit and a postage-paid envelope that customers can use to send their saliva sample to the

Pathway laboratory.

Customers can then go Pathway's website and order tests. Pathway says the tests — for drug response, "pre-pregnancy planning" and "health conditions" start at \$79 and run up to \$249 for all three.

Pathway is based in San Diego.

Walgreen, which is headquartered in Deerfield, Ill., runs about 7,500 stores in all 50 states as well as Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

Pathway said the test will not be available in New York due to state law.

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Business in brief

HOUSING The New Housing Price Index rose 0.3 per cent in March after a 0.1 per cent increase in February. The index has been advancing since last July. Statistics Canada reports prices rose the most in London, Ont., (1.7 per cent) between February and March, followed by Montreal and Kitchener, Ont. (both up one per cent). With a 0.5 per cent drop, Charlottetown registered the largest monthly decline in March, followed by Hamilton, Ont., and Edmonton (both down 0.3). Year over year, the index was up 1.6 per cent in March, following a 0.9 per cent increase in February. The largest year-over-year rise was recorded in St. John's, N.L. (up 5.1 per cent), followed by Winnipeg (4.5 per cent) and Vancouver (4.3).

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Atletico Madrid take Europa League crown

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Diego Forlan scored with just four minutes of extra time remaining to give Atletico Madrid a 2-1 win over Fulham in yesterday's Europa League final and end the club's longest ever spell without a major trophy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Team eyed for Quebec City

First Winnipeg, then Quebec City? While Manitoba awaits word on the return of NHL hockey, the would-be owner of a team in Quebec is watching closely. Quebecor boss Pierre Karl Peladeau says he expects other U.S. teams, and not just the Phoenix Coyotes, will encounter City, which lost the Nordiques in 1995.

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Pittsburgh Penguin Matt Cooke battles for a loose puck with Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak last night at Mellon Arena in Pittsburgh. Montreal won 5-2.

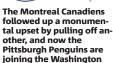
Habs stun Cup champs

Montreal through to next round

(Montreal wins series 4-3)







Capitals in sitting out the rest of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Brian Gionta had two power-play goals, Mike Cammalleri scored his sev-enth goal of a series in which he upstaged Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin and the Canadiens built a stunning four-goal lead before beating the Penguins 5-2 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals last night.

Believe it, Canadiens. Dis-believe it, Penguins.

Montreal, about the last team anyone would have picked to beat the top-seeded Capitals, much less the reigning NHL champion Penguins, accomplished what no team has done since the current playoffs format was adopted in 1994. And that has beat the Presidents' Trophy winners

and the Stanley Cup champions in successive rounds as an eighth-seeded team.

When it ended, the Canadiens crowded around goalie Jaroslav Halak, who made 37 saves in a performance not quite as dominat-ing as that in Montreal's 2-1 elimination win of Washington, but one that sent the Penguins home and shut down the NHL's oldest arena.

As remarkable as the upset was — the Canadiens trailed 3-2 in the series before rallying to win the final two games — was how they did it. They silenced the standing room crowd of 17,132 in the last game played at 49-year-old Mel-lon Arena by seizing a 1-0 lead with only 32 seconds gone after Crosby took a bad penalty on his first shift, then built it to 4-0 with barely 25 minutes

Gionta scored on that Crosby-created power play, Dominic Moore made it 2-0 later in the period and Cammalleri scored his playoff-leading 12th goal at 3:32 of the second. The Penguins and their shell-shocked crowd almost couldn't seem to fathom what was happening.

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Elimination leaves Canucks asking questions

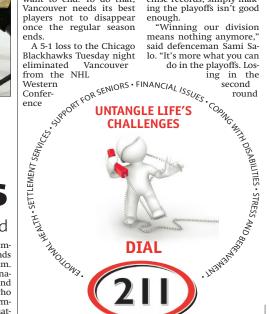
Moaning over a Vancouver Canuck playoff exit has become a West Coast tradi-tion much like sweeping up after the cherry blossoms and following the latest political calamity.

Consistency is generally a good thing, but not being able to move past the sec-ond round of the playoffs a trend the Canucks want to end. To do that, Vancouver needs its best players not to disappear once the regular season

semifinal. The Blackhawks won the best-of-seven series 4-2. It's the second consecutive season Chicago has beaten Vancouver the conference semifinal. The Canucks have won

the Northwest Division title three times in the last four years. For a talented team able to record 100point seasons and set franchise records, simply mak-ing the playoffs isn't good

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Vancouver Canucks players and coaches watch the final minute of Tuesday's game against the Chicago Blackhawks. The

can't be good enough."

Salo wrote himself into Canuck lore by playing Game 6 even though he was taken to hospital Sunday night after being hit in the groin by a slapshot. Along with Ryan Kesler (shoulder) and Mikael Samuelsson (back), he was one of several Canucks playing hurt.

"Players who are on the ice, they have to play the game," Salo said. "They can't make excuses about injuries.

Vancouver was manhanbigger, Blackby the faster stronger,

Daniel Sedin and Alex Burrows lost their cool and took undisciplined penal-ties. The Canuck defence couldn't clear the Hawks from in front of the Vancouver net. The forwards didn't get traffic in front of the Chicago goal.

Vancouver has not won a Stanley Cup since entering the NHL in 1970. The last time the Canucks advanced past the second round of the playoffs was 1994, when they lost in the Stanley Cup final to the New York Rangers.
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Flyers continue unlikely comeback

(Series tied 3-3)

Bruins 1 Flyers 2







far-fetched Flvers' The comeback is nearly com-

Michael Leighton stopped 29 shots in his first start in nearly two months to help streaking Philadelphia beat the Boston Bruins 2-1 last night and force a seventh game in Boston Friday night.

Philadelphia's post-season appeared over after it lost the first three games of the

series. Not now. The Flyers are on the brink of history—and a spot in the Eastern Conference final against the Montreal Cana-

The 1942 Toronto Maple

Leafs and the 1975 New York Islanders are the only NHL teams to come back from 3-0 deficits to win a best-ofseven playoff series. The Flyers are the first team to trail 3-0 and force a Game 7 since the 1975 Islanders.

Mike Richards and Danny Briere scored for the Flyers. Milan Lucic scored with a minute left for Boston.

Leighton was everything the Flyers wanted in his first start since he sprained his ankle March 16. Leighton's injury paved the way for Brian Boucher to take over and all he did was lead the Flyers into the post-season as the No. 7 seed and an upset over New Jersey in the first round.

Boucher sprained the MCL in his left knee in Game 5 and the job again belonged to Leighton.

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Your summer patio checklist



ou've got the basics on your patio - a barbecue, a few chairs, and a dining table. But is it as great as it could be? Maybe not.

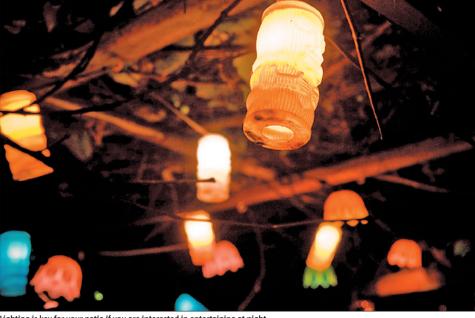
With a little effort and imagination, your perfectly ordinary garden and back patio can become a delightfully unexpected treat. Here are some hints to make your patio a destination:

 Think accents and art, such as groupings of candles or lanterns or interesting pieces set upon tables. And don't forget other surfaces. Painted sculptural pieces such as large plywood flowers, or cutouts of the sun and moon, or a series of lanterns, for example, can be hung on shed or house walls, or along a fence.

 Mirrors hung on a wall or fence reflect a lovely garden, and make a small garden look bigger.

 But before you start buying accents, consider what look or theme you wish to create. Know this so you don't buy things that do not fit into your space.

 For example, some people may prefer a nautical look with painted decks; or a serene and calming Asianthemed space; a modern



Lighting is key for your patio if you are interested in entertaining at night.

minimalist look; a wildwood garden complete with floral fabrics, an antiquebirdbath and looking wrought iron furniture; or a party patio with brightlycoloured furniture, twinkly string lights, and fake palm trees. You may also opt to simply extend your indoor decor style outdoors. Your imagination may take you in any direction you wishas long as your outdoor décor hangs together in colour palette or theme.

Floor coverings really

take things up a notch. Lay down an outdoor rug under the table or to centre a seating area. I've also seen painted canvas laid on the patio floor to stunning effect.

· Opt for weatherproof cushioned furniture. Include throw pillows and perhaps even a throw or two for those chilly evenings.

· If you don't have shade, an umbrella or an awning structure is a must. Also grow plants or train vines to provide shade.

· Plan for privacy. Barriers in crucial areas together with partial barriers with vines or other plantings in less critical areas will be attractive to both you and your neighbours.

Large coordinated planters or urns are a wonderful way of bringing plants into a patio area. Stairs can also be beautifully decorated with plants, as long as they don't become a trip hazard.

 Consider lighting as it plays a big role in creating mood. For entertaining, soft

lighting is a must.
• Small burbling fountains add the sound of water, which is soothing and can screen out some urban noise

 Aside from a patio barbecue area, a dining area and perhaps a sitting area, a fireplace pit area is another great idea, if you've got the

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Aesthetically your home is near perfect, but is it fit?

Canadians are homeaesthetic obsessed. Count the number of shows providing tips for sprucing up the aesthetic elements of a home; from interior design, to renovation and landscaping overhauls.

But what about the inner workings of the house? Do you know how old your furnace is, your air conditioner, when they had their last maintenance performed? If you can't recall the last maintenance visit for either, it's probably time to take action.

Air conditioner: Scheduling an annual maintenance for the air conditioner will ensure its fitness for the summer ahead.

Taps and drains: One dripping tap can waste up to 50 litres of water a day, which boils down to approximately \$8 per month on the water bill. Conserve the litres, and save money by replacing the drippy faucet. Keep drains in tip-top shape by pouring a cup of baking soda followed by a cup of vinegar down the drains on a monthly basis.

Furnace: What many homeowners don't know is that their furnace also serves the home in the summertime by circulating the cooled air. When heating season rolls around, make sure the furnace is fit and ready to pump out heat by scheduling an annual maintenance.

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> Homes in Style

Small space big style!

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Small space doesn't have to mean small style. Seeking creative pieces and creative positions is the name of the game.

"Furniture should be versatile and flexible and (have the ability) to create different looks," said Jim Tai, retail operations at Nood, which stands for "new objects of desire," a modern furniture store in North Vancouver

"There are quite a few condos that are fairly compact - 500 square feet means having pieces that are more suitable for those spaces," said Tai.

He suggests to go modular - pieces such as armchairs, love seats and ot-tomans can be moved around to change up a

Tai says placing a free-standing or wall mirror strategically creates the illusion of a larger room and "enhances the feeling of a

space.
"With mirrors you get the feel that the space is continuing," he said, adding that small restaurants often use mirrors to make a room appear to stretch twice as

Tai mentioned the versatile and innovative Swizzle sofa at Nood, which takes up a small area and can rotate, extend or slide into 17 different combinations - a sofa bed or a chaise, etc.

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A fountain placed just outside your patio doors or a window can create a soothing sound of the ocean; even if you are not close by. KARL LOHNES/FOR METRO CANADA

Designer's tips on cooling o



art two of our Sum-Decorating Style series continguest India ues with columnist Hicks. She's a model, television host, designer and creator of the award-winning Island Living Collection of fragrances for Crabtree and Evelyn. This week we discuss some easy ways to cool down the house during the summer months.

What winter items should we take away in order to help cool down the house for summer?

Summer is a good time to send dark and heavy rugs to be cleaned and stored. The polish of bare wooden floors is a welcome change and cool to the foot. If de-



Stripping away curtains and rugs, and adding slipcovers and plants, helps to create a summer look.

sired, the rugs can be substituted with plain or patterned sisals, that also absorbs the sound but still feels fresh and light.

Karl's tip: I like the idea of stripping the heavy drapes off the rods and just leaving the sheers (or blinds) in place for the summer. It's a

great opportunity to have professionally them cleaned along with the

rugs. What items should we add to cool down the house for

The easiest and most effective change for summer

can be easy fitting. crisp cotton slipcovers on all chairs. If not white, striped ticking always has a summertime feeling. It's best to have the fabrics washed in hot water and pre-shrunk before they are sewn. By doing this, there are no worries about

getting them to fit back on the furniture after a midsummer wash.

There are also many other canvas outdoor fabrics that can weather the traf-fic of children and pets from the beach

or pool as well as the spill of red wine or chocolate birthday cake.

Karl's tip: If your place heats up due to direct sunlight, consider a protective film for the windows. It will reduce the heat and keep your floors and furnishing protected from the sun's harmful rays.

How important are plants and flowers to creating a cool, summer feeling?

Fresh flowers from the garden are always a pleasure and give a room a good boost. These touches are not always available in the other months of the year, and some types and smells are a particular summer treat. Matching giant house

plants can also lend a regal symmetry and drama to a



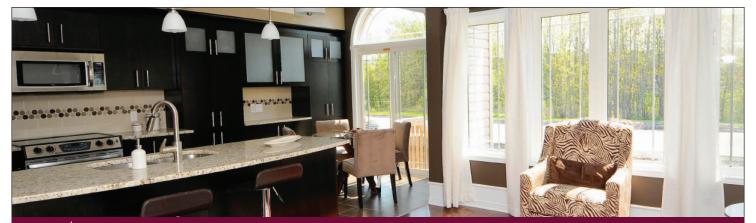
Anything else you'd like to add about cooling down the house for summer?

Ceiling fans are especially nice. They can lower the temperature to some degree, as well create a refreshing breeze. Simple, plain white are the simplest/functional ceiling fans and serve a purpose year-round.

Camouflaging a sofa that may have a wintery feel can be done easily and inexpensively with a piece of linen or another weighty neutral colored fabric that can pool a little bit on the floor.

It is also a thought to paint some of your furni-Wooden dinning room chairs for example, could be painted in an airy summer color: Pale blue or dove grey and then black, or red for the winter months.

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home; no matter what your budget or style.



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HST proves confusing for many home buyers



received so many questions concerning last week's articles on the new Harmonized Sales Tax that is coming into effect on July 1, 2010, I thought it best to review for my readers the important points in order to clarify any confusion.

• The new HST applies

• The new HST apponly to new construction or homes that are substantially renovated (the definition of substantially renovated is complicated and you should consult your lawyer if you feel this is the type of home you are purchasing). It does

not apply to resale houses or condominiums.

• If you are purchasing a new home with a value under \$400,000.00, you should receive a rebate that will effectively mean that you are not paying any more taxes than you would have before the implementation of the HST.

• There will be HST on the ancillary services related to the real estate transaction such as real estate commission and legal services — this, however, is small in comparison to an eight per cent tax on a large purchase such as a _____ \$600,000 home.

If your transaction is taking place after July 1, 2010, you cannot pre-pay for services and thereby avoid paying this tax — I have had several clients ask

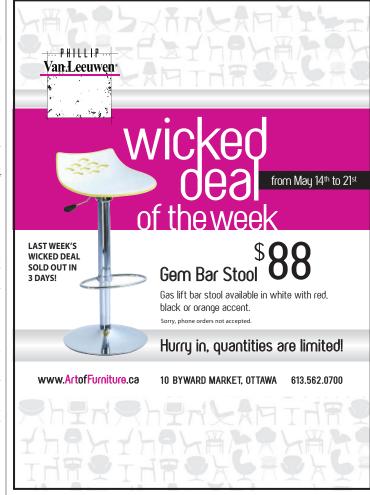
• If you entered into your agreement of purchase and sale for your new home prior to the announcement of the new tax, you are grandparented into the tax and you will not have to pay it on closing.

on closing.

• If you have any questions concerning the amount due on your purchase, you should contact your lawyer. Although I try to answer questions that are posed to me by my readers, the sheer volume and complexity of the questions that were prompted by last week's column require individual attention, which is best addressed by your own counsel.

The HST is a further wrinkle in doing business in Ontario and can result in a large tax bill for new home purchasers if they are buying an expensive home after July 1, 2010.

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Donna Schroeder of Krylon

According to Schroeder, drivers for 2010 trends are nature, senses and symbols. These drivers are interconnected, allowing each trend to blend into the other to create a cohesive look and feel throughout your space. Some stylish colour themes found in the 2010 palette are as follows: Sense

Whether you prefer scented candles, dim lighting or cosy rugs to accent your home, stimulating all of the senses is key. Comprised of soft colours, the Sense trend will swaddle and soothe the soul. It engages all five senses as it mixes textures, scents and patterns and also focuses on the details, allowing you to make a statement with even the smallest elements.

Colours include: Pacific purple, morning mist, hyacinth, celery, jade and

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Environmental concerns continue to influence home design and decorating, with home-owners shifting toward smaller spaces, while also buying less and repurposing more. To complement this eco-consciousness, indoor design and decor trends continue to be

doors. Bring the beauty of environment into your home with colours found in natural elements.

Colours include: Fern, meringue, terra cotta, river rock, mountain view and cloud. Symbol

A love of architectural shapes and details from the past help fuel the trend of symbols. Moody and complex colours are integral, allowing design elements from the yestervear to resurface in modern-day homes. Look for accents with a historical look and feel to complement the dramatic hues and elegant feel of this trend.

Colours include: mond, cherry red, navy, ivy leaf, leather brown and castle rock.news canada



Allowing colours within your chosen theme to blend into each other will create a cohesive look says Donna Schroeder of Krylon.

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Build a plan for a smart renovation

RENOVATION Canadians love to renovate. A recent survey by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation found that 40 per cent of households in ten Canadian markets renovated their home in 2008. The same survey found that about three quarters of households used a contractor to do all, or at least some, of their renovations.

Everyone has heard a construction/contractor horror story, through a friend, family member or on a home improvement television program. Whether it is work not performed to code or customer specifications, projects taking longer than expected, or costs going way over budget, "While stories of renovation headaches are frequent, there are thousands of reputable contractors out there. A little preparation before hand will certainly ease the stress."

Wayne Ross, with Aviva Canada

home renovations can be a stressful endeavour

"Spending thousands of dollars on your home is a big decision, so selecting the right contractor is an important step," said Wayne Ross, insurance expert at Aviva Canada. "And while stories of renovation headaches are frequent, there are thousands of reputable contractors out there. A little preparation before hand will certainly ease the

Ross offers these renovation tips to ensure homeowners finish their summer renovation projects with better success:

• Connect with previous customers: Ask your friends for referrals of contractors that they've used, especially on similar projects. Request additional referrals from possible candidates.

· Look for consistency and permanence: The ide-al service provider has a physical business office

and address and has been in business for a number of years under the same

• Do a legal check: Ensure contractors are li-censed by your province and that they have insurance, meaning they are covered if they are injured

during the project.
• Notify your insurer: Contact your insurance broker to discuss if any of the renovations will require an adjustment to your home policy.

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Elements is part of the recent interior design movement towards sensual home decor choices. In her book, "Sensual Home," Elle Decoration editor Ilse Crawford explains it as creating private havens with your decor to soothe and enhance each of the sens-

es.
"As modern life threatens to become increasingly standardized, suburban-ized, unnatural, and uniformly lit, the home is, for many of us, the last bastion of the senses," she writes. This is why she recommends we tune our homes to involve all of our



If you're renovating the kitchen, Elements by Durcon is a sensuous new option for a kitchen table top.

senses and "restore the balance between mind and

Homeowners were already creating these sanctuaries in certain rooms in their homes like the master bedroom and bath-room. Master bedrooms featured sensual silk bedding, cosy comfort duvets, sexy colours and lighting while master bathrooms hosted sensuous spa-like environments created to relax and unwind from the outside world

Up until recently, Hanna

said designers and consumers did not afford these same sensual attributes to their kitchens Crawford agrees, stating that "over the past 40 years most of the attention in design has been paid almost exclusively to the way things look rather than to the way they feel."

That has changed with the arrival of sensual kitchen countertop surfaces like Elements.

"Elements' distinct 'hot silk' finish is what makes its countertops so unique.

said Nancy Soccio, designer of Dolce Design in Mon-treal. "You just can't help to touch and feel these countertops, they're incredibly smooth."

Now kitchens can also become pleasure zones for our sensuous being. "Who wouldn't love to spend special moments in a beautiful kitchen with these sexy countertops?" smiled Hanna. More information on sensual countertops available at leezadistribution.com and elementsbydurcon.com. **NEWS CANADA**

Homes in **brief**

COMPOST One of the best ways to keep your yard truly green is by using compost effectively. Many gardeners have started to move away from chemical fertilizers and are moving toward ecological choices, such as composting, as a way to reduce waste and make the garden greener. Composting is Nature's way of recycling; the process decomposes and transforms organic material into nutrient rich soil. A perfectly good compost pile can be built out of nothing fancier than leaves and grass clippings. Other "ingredients" can include: Fruit and vegetable scraps, yard trimmings, paper, wood, and organic kitchen waste that is not protein based.

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A Vancouver-based green designer Nicole Bridger has been named the inaugural winner of Fashion Takes Action's Design Forward. The award was created to recognize designers who have gone out of their way to become more sustainable. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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of shades for D&G hits stores this month. Here's a sneak peek at her first try at creating vear (left). KENYA HUNT/METRO WORLD NEWS

Suit up for summer

Swimwear heats up with patterns, colour and cutouts



A properly fit bra-sized swimsuit like this one by Maryann Melhorn (\$289 at Linea Intima) helps slim by providing necessary lift and support.

Along with that golden

faux tan and generous lashings of SPF 30, a must-have for the coming summer is cute swimwear, of course.

'This season the hottest shapes for women are bandeau tops," says fashion stylist Afiya Francisco

keep coming back I don't know - worst tan lines. ever," she adds. Pattern and colour, colour, particularly turquoise, are hot. "It's defi-nitely not at the forefront, but I'm not sure black will

(thestylehouse.ca). cutouts. Again. Why they

ever really be out," comments Francisco, shares style advice on shows such as Entertain-Tonight and Steven and Chris. "Regardless of trends, people seem to feel most comfortable in

Butterfly black." one-piece \$34, Old Navy

> Belted tankini brief, \$39.99, Addition-Elle Tankini top, \$49, Addition-Elle

Despite the terrible tan lines they produce. cutout swimsuits are hot again. Pictured: Seafolly backless suit, \$96, seafolly.com

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For men's **SWIMWEAR** swimwear this year not much is different, says fashion stylist Afiya Francisco (thestylehouse.ca).

Cargo board shorts, colour, checks and tropical prints are expected. But,

she warns, "a collaboration Speedo between Comme des Garçons may see a resurgence of tweensy-weensy man-kinis. Be

> JANINE FALCON/ FOR METRO CANADA



The man's guide to beach wear

No one wants to be the guy who is proudly strutting around the beach wearing little else than his belly. Read this handy beach wear guide before you buy.

THE RETRO

confident, this is for the man who knows his way

around the gym. It also has vintage cool cred (Sean Con-

nery wore a similar style in

THE BRIGHT

It's most definitely "in" this

almost all men apart from

models and gym bunnies. Unless you're in peak phys-

ical condition, avoid the

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season, but this style is

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Oprah Winfrey is joining with Alan Ball to produce an HBO film based on the nonfiction bestseller The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. Ball, creator and executive producer of HBO's drama series True Blood, will develop the project with Winfrey and her Harpo Films studio. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Jack White delivers again

The Dead Weather

Album: Sea of Cowards Label: Warner Rating:

NOBODY EVER going to accuse Jack White spreading himself too



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thin again. He's running three bands at once. Who cares? As long as he's creating the serious insane craziness that's contained on new Dead Weather CD, let's let him do what he wants. Sea of Cowards brings to fruition all the demonic promise of Dead Weather's debut, Hore-hound. White and Alison Mosshart pull off horror movie duets, while Dean Fertita's guitar screeches like fingernails on a chalk-When Mosshart screams "I'm Mad," you're certain it's true.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

The National

Album: High Violet Label: 4AD/Beggars Rating: @@@

word of advice for anyone listening to the new National



record for the first time be patient. The band have always played soft brooding rock, but they've always known when to turn

Album**Reviews**

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up the heat, especially on 2007's acclaimed Boxer. High Violet is, mostly, a subdued disc. There are ebbs and flows, but don't be surprised if Matt Berninger's deep baritone pipes lull you to sleep. With a little time though the National's nuances will come through - Afraid of Everyone's almost gospellike combo of harmonies and atmospherics is stunning, for example. Many will still take the Boxer over this record, but at least give High Violet a chance.

Holy F—k

Album: Latin Label: XL

Rating:

HOLY F-K'S REPUTATION for dazzling audiences live with their singular instruments often precedes the Toronto outfit's work in the studio, even after earning a Polaris Prize nomination for 2007's awe-inspir-

Recorded in an Ontario barn, third album Latin finds the band embracing their strength as performers by engineering their palatable, scrambled noise as if they're on stage.

The result is a brilliant album that swells with unpredictable melodic turns. tight Krautrock grooves, fist-pumping crescendos and the perfect balance of chaos and control.

With Latin, Holy F-k is bound to make people view them as not just a must-see live act, but also the studio wizards they've become.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada



Sea of Cowards is the new album by The Dead Weather.

Sleigh Bells

Album: Treats Label: Mom + Pop Rating: @@@

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BASED SOME Sleigh Bells is a tough one to figure out.

They're loud, abrasive and uncomfortable, yet Alexis Krauss' vocals are surprisingly infectious. Picture a dance-pop group squeezed through a meat grinder and you may get the idea. There's no doubt Sleigh Bells are a different sort of pop outfit, and their noisey, droney songs won't appeal to everyone. They do have some easy-on-the-ears tunes though - on the radiofriendly Rill Rill they sound like a different band and that accessibility should open even more doors for the duo.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

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Aniston, Rudd pair up for Wanderlust

Jennifer Aniston has signed up to star in a new movie with Paul Rudd. The actress will take on the female lead in new comedy Wanderlust alongside Rudd, who she co-starred with in 1998 movie The Object of My Affection. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



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Canadian actor Colm Feore, right, stars as an uptight school principal in The Trotsky.

Lenin' for Trotsky

RICHARD CROUSE

Given Colm Feore's habit of playing historical figures — he's starred as everyone from Trudeau and Glenn Gould to Admiral Husband E. Kimmel on screens big and small you'd imagine in a movie about the reincarnation of a Soviet politician called The Trotsky, he must be playing the legendary Bol-

"I looked at Trotsky and he had hair so that was out," Feore laughs.

In fact, in the film the actor plays the authoritarian principal of Montreal's (fictional) Jacques Parizeau English School who tries to prevent Leon Bronstein (Jay Baruchel) -– a student who believes he is the reincarnation of revolutionary

Leon Trotsky - from unionizing the school's students.

'I was between episodes "I was between episodes of 24 so I hadn't shaved," he says, "and I thought, 'Why don't I just keep not shaving? I'll present myself to (director) Jacob (Tierney) and say, 'Would this work for you? I this work for you? I think this would this give us a cer-The

tain Lenin-esque feel.' I thought, 'I'll go Lenin, he'll go Trotsky and it will be eerie.'"

Feore who sprinkles his conversa-tion with words like "su-percilious" and self depreciating comments — has more than a passing resemblance to the Russian revo-

"We had this huge Lenin poster behind Jay's head at one point," he says. "Jacob framed the shot so that when I turn away I'm perfectly framed in the poster."

The actor, who jumps back and forth between big budget films like the up-coming Thor, TV work and small films to fill in the gaps was taken by the script the moment he read it.

"To me seemed very springy," he says. "It has a bouncy intelligence to it. Particularly since tomorrow came young people. Right

now I am surrounded by young people. I have my kids and I think, 'What would flatter them in reflection?' If they see themselves as smart and able to change their world, this is a message I would like to be able to send.'

From one dancer to another

PHIL BROWN for Metro Canada

FEATURE Mao's Last Dancer is the inspiring true story (and runner up for the Audience Choice Award at the 2009 Toronto Film Festival) about the first dancer from Mao's Communist China permitted to study ballet in the U.S. Li Cunxin quickly fell in love with America and found himself marrying into U.S. citizenship rather than returning to China. This caused a political firestorm when the Chinese embassy tried to force Li back to China and he ended up being briefly banned from his native land.

The film sticks closely to the facts and stars another Chinese ballet dancer Chi Cao, who spoke to Metro during a visit to Toronto.

Cao had never acted be-



Chi Cao stars as ballet dancer Li Cunxin in Mao's Last Dancer.

fore and admits that he found the transition from dancing on stage to acting on film a bit tricky at first. "It was quite hard to start with," said Cao. "I've been on stage for 20 years, so that's nothing. You can put 50,000 people in front of me and it doesn't bother me. But when we started

shooting I was too aware of the camera and tried to play to it like an audience. It took about six to eight weeks to adjust."

Though it might not have come easily, the first time actor soon came to terms with his new medium and delivered a rather impressive performance that captures the confusion, frustration, culture shock, and learning curve of Li Cunxin's trip to America effortlessly. Cao attributes his ability to capture the essence of Li to the fact that the dancer was part of his life from an early age.

"Li was also a graduate from my school and my father was actually one of his teachers," said Cao. "He always paid close attention to my career development and he was the one who suggested me when they decided to make the film."





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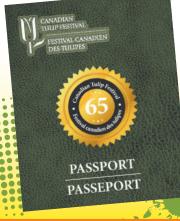
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The House, Colbert affair

Keen viewers pick up on little nods in shows

The funniest relationship on TV might be the clandestine, crossnetwork affair between The Colbert Report and House.

If you look carefully, you can spot a small, framed photograph of Hugh Laurie, the star of Fox's House, on the set of Comedy Central's The Colbert Report. House has reciprocated the gesture with a photo of Colbert that sits on Dr. Gregory House's desk.

On Monday's Report, Stephen Colbert said House's photo sits on his shelf because he's a huge fan of the TV doctor.

"House and I have a lot in common," Colbert, in mock pundit character, said on the show.

"We both refuse to play by the rules, never consider the consequences of our actions, and are horribly abusive to our staffs.

"In the end, we're both always right.

The shelf behind Colbert's C-shaped desk contains a collection of odd objects that he has found reason to keep by some



Hugh Laurie

twist of the show's bizarre comedic meanderings.

The House photo currently rests, Colbert noted, in a place of honour next to my coin purse made from a bull scrotum.'

This made him a doctor. Colbert claimed, and next to his degree, he placed photos of three other TV doctors: House, Noah Drake from General Hospi-Noah tal, and Dr. Cliff Huxtable from The Cosby Show.

The House photo (now more visible because The



Stephen Colhert

Report broadcasts in highdefinition) has stuck around, Colbert said in a recent interview, because the show noticed it would frequently show up on camera over his left shoul-

"We said we've got to keep that - we can't get rid of the picture of House," he said.

When he saw that House responded in kind, Colbert said he was "honoured because I'm such a fan.'

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tions, CBS is airing the annual awards show from Las Vegas on June 27. Young and

the Restless has 16 nominations. Sesame

Street has

14 and One Life to Live has 13. The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences will give a lifetime achievement award to Agnes Nixon, a creative force behind many soap operas.

One was All My Children, whose star Susan Lucci said Nixon helped create the very fabric of daytime TV.

The ladies of The View have a chance to repeat last year's win as best talk show hosts.

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gardless, it's a crowd-pleaser and restaurant moneymaker.

Flying Piggy's is a typical busy (and noisy) Ottawa Italian restaurant with a menu that features the regulars: antipasti, insalate, pasta and meat entrées.

We started with the Antipasto for two (\$16.50), which turned out to be a plate brimming with a variety of meats, provolone,

brie, smoked salmon, olives, marinated vegetables, along with a tasty crisp cracker and fresh, soft rolls on the side. It was hearty enough to fill us up, but offered nothing memorable.

The Flighty Boar (\$15) came with a rich but satisfying sauce of white wine and cream drizzled over prosciutto, mushrooms and fresh fettuccine. The Scallops Con Basil (\$17.50) was less stunning with its overcooked bivalves and mild-mannered sauce that required a heavy dose of pepper and parmesan for punch.

To finish, we ordered the



The Flighty Boar (\$15).

Flourless Chocolate Cake (\$8) claiming to be decadent but was fresh from the refrigerator and tasted

a touch stale.

Flying Piggy's is a getout-of-the-kitchen, havesomeone-cook-for-you, sipa-glass-of-wine, eat-loadsof-carbs kind of place. Though whimsical, this little piggy is a bit tired.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/ globalpeasant for a visit with Red Truck Beer's Brewer David Varga.



Dining out

JEAN ALBERT'S Talk about comfort food: macaroni and cheese and fried chicken. Having recently moved from the country to the city, many are wondering if it retained its authenticity. 495 Somerset St. W., (613) 569-5326.

CASA DO CHURRASCO A humble, little Portuguese restaurant sits just on the fence of the Byward Market. Their menu is filled with a variety of option. 190 Dalhousie St. (613) 241-2743.

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In **brief**

CLINK and drink pink at an evening of rosé wines next Wednesday, 7 p.m., at Exposure Gallery — 2nd Floor at Thyme & Again Creative Catering Shop. Tickers are \$75/person. eventbrite.com/event/6177898 26/rss. SHARI GOODMAN/

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Looks like their differences weren't so irreconcilable after all. After both citing that reason in filing separate divorce papers last month, Larry King and his seventh wife, Shawn Southwick King, have reconciled and halted their separation, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Jackson wanted to leave everything behind

AND SO HE DID. JUST NOT THE WAY HE HAD IMAGINED Michael Jackson desperately wanted to go into hiding before his death, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Tapes of leaked answering machine messages have revealed the late singer — who died of acute Propofol intoxication last June — begged friends for money to help him start a new life as he feared for his

In one message, pub-

lished by The Sun newspaper, he said: "It is Michael calling. It is very important. I want that 150 in that account for me, because ... I am very concerned about my life.

"I am hearing a lot of stories that (name withheld) is still trying to sabotage (inaudible) me and I want to be in a different environment and 11m. I've found a place that I like and now (inaudible) I want to be away for a while where they can't find me.

Other messages were given to U.S. journalist Daphne Barak after she wrote a book about celebrity addiction reveal the singer was trying to flee the "Italian Mafia" and made more requests for cash, using the code word "sun screen" for mon-

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Brit doesn't trust Jason's biz choices

IN WOMEN Britney Spears is ditching Jason Trawick as her agent — but keeping him as her boyfriend. Spears and Trawick "have decided to end their professional relationship and focus on their personal relationship," a rep for the singer tells People.

"Since wrapping her recent world tour, Spears has been busy in the studio working on her next album." While she'll have to find a new agent now, "they are very happy," a source says.

Caprio, who was at least a

good sport about the whole thing. "During the

previews, Leo and his

group were asked to move

three times. Then, as the

trailer for his new movie,

Inception, began playing,

they were asked to move

again.

"They

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Celeb**Tweets**

Making it work

still offering condolences, PARIS **HILTON** doesn't exactly lead a tough life, and CONAN O'BRIEN doesn't have it so bad either.

@lindsavlohan happy birthday and r.i.p. Natasha Richardson

@ParisHilton Just had an amazing two hour deep tissue massage. So relaxing. Now I have to start packing for the Monaco Grand Prix and Cannes, So Excited! @ConanOBrien I'm a simple man. I start every day with a cup of joe, the

morning paper, and a lavender

Pan-Asiatic body scrub from my man-servant Lobo. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Alex doesn't want strike out | Wanted to stay seated



Best way to show you're over a break up?

MAKE OUT WITH RANDOMS IN A PUBLIC PLACE Jim Carrev has been working hard at getting over his split from Jenny Mc-Carthy. Sources tell Page

Six the actor arrived at a New

York City nightclub at 3 a.m. recently with an entourage of 10 women.

"Once in the VIP area, he turned his attention to a pretty blonde

looked a lot like Jenny and a hot brunette," a source

says.
"Things were getting so hot and heavy, someone shouted, 'Get a room.' Jim just burst out laughing.

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INSTEAD THEY HAD TO PLAY MU-SICAL CHAIRS Leonardo Di-Caprio and girlfriend Bar Refaeli had tough time settling in for a screening of Iron Man 2 recently, as they and their friends were asked to move seats four times, according to Page

Six.
"He clearly didn't realize you could reserve seats," a



Daniel will bare some of it

THIS TIME IT WILL BE DIFFERENT. THERE WON'T BE A HORSE, FOR ONE Harry Potter star Potter star Daniel Radcliffe's upcoming return to Broadway in How to Succeed in Busi-Without ness Really Trying will require him to take off his shirt, and while he's no stranger to stripping down on stage, this time he

wants to beef

up first,

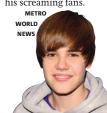
according to the Sun. And he's looking for football star Cristiano Ronaldo for inspiration.

"He envies his muscle definition and is hoping to get a similar six-pack for himself," a source says. "Daniel is taking his fitness regime really seriously. He put on a little timber last year and is keen to get down to a more svelte shape."

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Bieber's wild ride

BUT NOT TOO WILD Some Justin Bieber fans got a rude awakening recently when the teen sensation made a surprise trip the Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park outside L.A., according to the L.A. Times. Young girls waiting to ride the Tatsu roller coaster were initially thrilled to learn Bieber was there, but he was ushered to the front of the line so he and his entourage could ride the roller coaster in peace with most of the seats empty. After the ride, Bieber quietly slipped out, not so much as a wave to his screaming fans.







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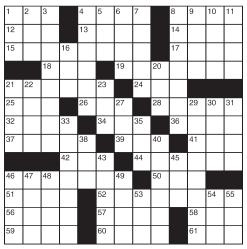




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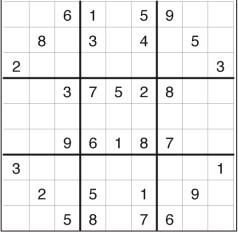
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Sudoku For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit n

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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Take Five



Fusilli with Brown Butter and Roasted Asparagus

Recipe Developed by Paula Rowman Photo: Carlo Mendoza PREP TIME: 5 MINUTES COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1 bunch asparagus (about 1 tbsp olive oil 1 lb fusilli pasta 5 tbsp unsalted butter 1 tbsp lemon juice 2 tbsp chopped parsley 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese, plus more for serving

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.

2. Snap the tough bottom stalks off the asparagus and discard. Spread asparagus on a rimmed sheet pan, drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss on sheet pan until completely coated. Roast in oven, shaking pan occasionally, until tips of spears are golden brown and stalks are just tender, about 10 minutes for medium thick spears, 5 to 6 minutes for thinner ones. Chop into 2-inch long

pieces and set aside. 3. Meanwhile, set a large

pot of salted water over high heat and bring to a boil. Add pasta and cook to al dente according to package instructions. Drain pasta, reserving 1 cup pasta water. Set pasta aside. Dry pot and return to medium heat. Add butter and melt. Continue to cook butter until it becomes pale golden brown in colour, about 3 to 4 minutes. Add the lemon juice and asparagus and stir. Add the Parmesan cheese and toss with pasta. Add some of the reserved water if pasta seems drv. Stir in parsley and season to taste with salt and pepper. Divide pasta among 4 plates and garnish with more Parmesan.

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 Your material circumstances

may be changing but don't take it too seriously. It is only a temporary financial adjustment.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
You are determined to succeed and will stop at nothing to reach the top, financially and professionally

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TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Don't be too eager to start something new. It may feel as if you don't start now you'll get left behind but that isn't true. Focus on your long-term ambitions.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
Go out of your way to let partners and loved ones know that your emotions run deep. Others sometimes find you difficult to approach.

GEMINI

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MAY 22-JUNE 21

There may be times over the next day or two when you need to be alone. You have a great many things to think about, so find yourself a quiet spot.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21 Your head will rule your heart today, and that's fine, but try not to give loved ones the impression that you no longer

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A flash of insight could change your life for the better. What you realize may not be that important in itself but the implications could be enormous.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
Despite what some people might think you can do charm and you will do it magnificently today, and even better to-morrow.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You may have to sacrifice one aspect of your lifestyle over the next two or three days so that another aspect gets the chance to thrive.

AQUARIUS

Although Aquarius is generally a positive sign there are times when you let other people's negative comments get to you, that could be a danger today.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

You seem to be in an idealistic frame of mind at the moment and what happens today and to-morrow will further convince you that it pays to be that way.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
You have been imposing too many restrictions on yourself of late and you need to get back to that free and easy attitude you have.

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1880: In Menlo Park, N.J., Thomas Edison performs the

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